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January 30, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to support the proposal to direct funding to California Sea Grant to conduct a socioeconomic study of North Coast fisheries, specifically broadening their efforts to include the fishing ports from Fort Bragg to Crescent City. The project will coordinate with ongoing efforts of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Over the past two decades, changes in fisheries management have impacted North Coast communities that have traditionally relied on the resiliency of the fishing industry. Unfortunately, data that would help managers more clearly understand the impact of management decisions is sorely lacking. Last year's salmon disaster is a prime example of why we need better information. With the collapse of the salmon season, both state and federal agencies had to scramble to determine the financial impact to coastal communities.

This project will build profiles of the commercial and recreational fisheries; inventory fishery-related infrastructure and businesses; develop primary data on linkages between North Coast fisheries and port infrastructure; and primary data on expenditures and employment in fishery dependent businesses.

I fully support the proposal and urge the Conservancy's favorable action. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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February 7, 2007

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Moira McEnespy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Sustainable Fisheries: North coast fisheries socioeconomic study

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the North Coast fisheries socioeconomic study project (Project) being considered by the Conservancy for funding support. If funded, this Project will enable expansion of the Fishing Communities Project being jointly operated by the National Marine Fisheries Service and Sea Grant to include the important north coast fishing communities of Fort Bragg and Crescent City.

The project will look at recreational and commercial fisheries in the north coast region and develop much needed socioeconomic data to support development of Fishery Management Plans. Additionally, the project is consistent with the Ocean Protection Council's strategic plan and will support the ecosystem-based management work that is being initiated for the Humboldt/Eel River Delta area.

The project will result in characterization and profiles of north coast commercial and recreational fisheries, an inventory of fishery-related infrastructure and businesses, primary data on linkages between north coast fisheries and port infrastructure, and primary data on expenditure and employment in fishery-dependent businesses. The feasibility of using these newly-obtained data to refine regional economic income and employment models will also be evaluated. A final report will present project results and will highlight the findings' usefulness to ecosystem-based management.

I strongly urge the Conservancy's support for this important project. Please contact my Eureka District Office at 707-445-6508 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Wiggins".

PATRICIA WIGGINS
Senator, 2nd District

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January 31, 2007

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Moira McEnespy

RE: Support for socioeconomic study of North Coast fisheries

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I understand that the Coastal Conservancy Board will consider granting funds for California Sea Grant to conduct a socioeconomic study of North Coast fisheries (Fort Bragg to Crescent City) in collaboration with the National Marine Fisheries Service. I am writing to express my strong support for this project.

Nowhere are changes to fishery management felt more strongly than in North Coast communities, where small local economies have been traditionally dependent on fishing. Unfortunately, there is a serious lack of socioeconomic data on the region's commercial, recreational and tribal fisheries.

The proposed study will address critical information needs such as accurate analyses of fisheries trends, data on expenditures and employment in fishery-dependent businesses and data on port and fishery support infrastructure. Funding this study is essential to developing sustainable fisheries management practices.

I urge your favorable consideration of this important project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District Office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District

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February 14, 2007

Doug Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, Ca. 94612
Attention: Moira McEnespy

Subject. Support for socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries

Dear Chairman Bosco:

It has come to my attention that the Coastal Conservancy Board will be considering grant funds for California Sea Grant to conduct a socioeconomic study of North coast fisheries working with National Marine Fisheries Service. I would like to express my strong support for this project.

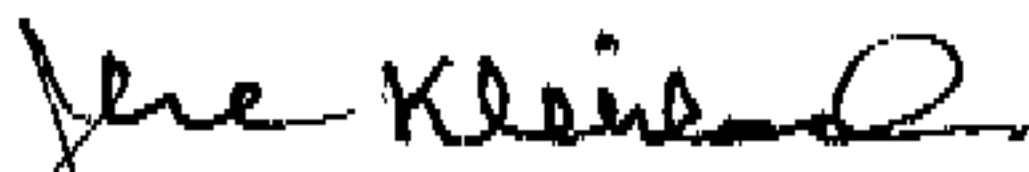
Fishery management practices have drastically changed the local economies of small towns such as ours.

Which traditionally have been Fishing dependent. There also seems to be no socioeconomic data to show the changes that have taken place in our communities. There is a critical need for accurate analyses of the fishery trends, data on port and Fishery support infrastructure, as well as data to show the trends of the Fisheries and those and those that support their efforts.

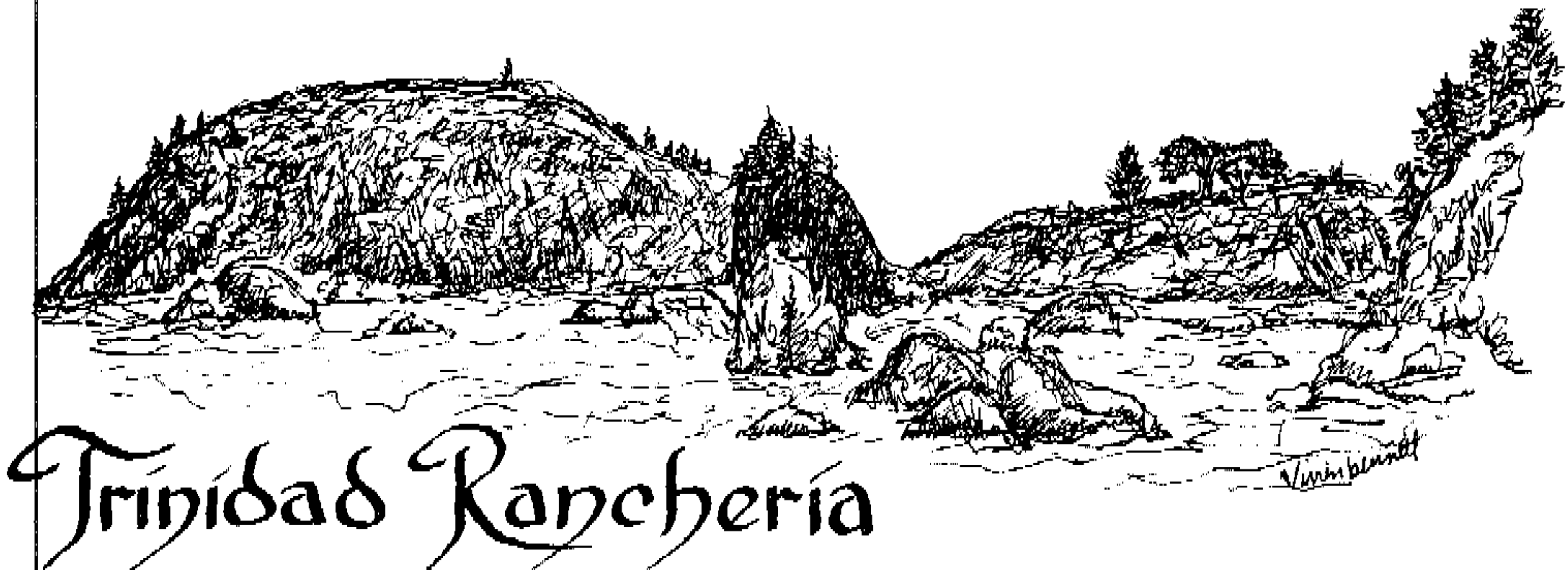
This project will inform the ecosystem-based management program now getting underway for the Humboldt Bay/Eel River delta area, and could support development of Fishery Management Plans under the Marine Life Management Act. The project is also consistent with the newly adopted ocean protection Council Strategic Plan, which calls for action to support market based fishery management approaches and to encourage and maintain sustainable economic activity.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely



Vere Kleinbach
Manager Noyo Harbor District



Trinidad Rancheria

January 16, 2007

Doug Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Moira McEnespy

Subject: Support for socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries

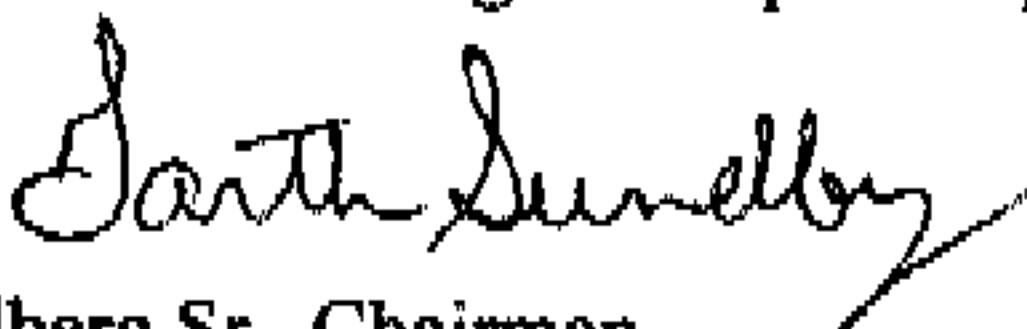
Dear Chairman Bosco:

I understand that the Coastal Conservancy Board will consider granting funds for California Sea Grant to conduct a socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries (Fort Bragg to Crescent City) in collaboration with the National Marine Fisheries Service. I am writing to express my strong support for this project.

Nowhere are fishery management changes felt more strongly than in the north coast communities, whose small local economies have been traditionally dependent on fishing. Not surprisingly, there is a lack of socioeconomic data on the region's fisheries and coastal communities (commercial, recreational and tribal). Among the most critical information needs are accurate analyses of fisheries trends, data on port and fishery support infrastructure, data on expenditures and employment in fishery-dependent businesses, and determination of the linkages and relationships among fisheries and between fisheries and fishery-dependent businesses.

This project will inform the ecosystem-based management program now getting underway for the Humboldt Bay/Eel River delta area, and could support development of Fishery Management Plans under the Marine Life Management Act. The project is also consistent with the newly-adopted Ocean Protection Council Strategic Plan, which calls for actions to support market-based fishery management approaches and to encourage sustainable economic activity.

Thank you for considering this important project.

Sincerely, 

Garth Sundberg Sr., Chairman
Trinidad Rancheria

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February 15, 2007

Doug Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Moira McEnespy

Subject: Support for socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, I would like to extend our support for grant funding for California Sea Grant to conduct a socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries (Fort Bragg to Crescent City) in collaboration with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Nowhere are fishery management changes felt more strongly than in the north coast communities, whose small local economies have been traditionally dependent on fishing. Not surprisingly, there is a lack of socioeconomic data on the region's fisheries and coastal communities (commercial, recreational and tribal). Among the most critical information needs are accurate analyses of fisheries trends, data on port and fishery support infrastructure, data on expenditures and employment in fishery-dependent businesses, and determination of the linkages and relationships among fisheries and between fisheries and fishery-dependent businesses.

This project will provide valuable information that will be used in the implementation of our Humboldt Bay Management Plan that is our current ecosystem-based management program for Humboldt Bay. In addition, the project is also consistent with the newly-adopted Ocean Protection Council Strategic Plan, which calls for actions to support market-based fishery management approaches and to encourage sustainable economic activity.

Thank you for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

David Hall
Chief Executive Officer

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February 28, 2007

Doug Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries

Dear Chairperson Bosco:

This letter is in regards to potential Coastal Conservancy Board funds for California Sea Grant to conduct a socioeconomic study of north coast fisheries (Fort Bragg to Crescent City) in collaboration with the National Marine Fisheries Service. I am writing to express the Department of Fish and Game's (Department) strong support for this project.

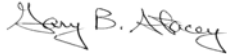
Nowhere is fisheries management changes felt more strongly than in areas like the north coast communities, whose small local economies have been traditionally dependent on fishing. Not surprisingly, there is a lack of socioeconomic data on the region's fisheries (commercial, recreational and tribal) and coastal communities. Among the most critical information needs are accurate analyses of fisheries trends, data on port and fishery support infrastructure, data on expenditures and employment in fishery-dependent businesses, and determination of the linkages and relationships among fisheries and between fisheries and fishery-dependent businesses.

This project will inform the ecosystem-based management program beginning for the Humboldt Bay/Eel River delta area, and could support development of Fishery Management Plans under the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) and marine protected area analysis under the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). The Department would like to point out our additional support for the expansion of this project to the south, into the present MLPA study region between Pt. Arena and Pigeon Pt. The project is also consistent with the newly-adopted Ocean Protection Council Strategic Plan, which calls for actions to support market-based fishery management approaches and to encourage sustainable economic activity.

Doug Bosco
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Thank you for considering this important project. Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Ms. Susan Ashcraft, Senior Biologist Supervisor in the Department's Marine Region, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1341-B, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone (916) 651-7670.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary B. Stacey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being more prominent.

Gary B. Stacey
Regional Manager
Marine Region

cc: Moira McEnespy
State Coastal Conservancy
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